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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 15, 2006 (Paper No. 20060808). Attached to this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time for a two-month period and a replacement sheet for Figure 9. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: